

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Video 1

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000240.000

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Unidentified language

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 15 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Video 1	0:56
Total running time:		0:56

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is deemed objectionable under s 3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty. The video file contains first-person footage of a violent murder. The only likely purpose of the video is to glorify the perpetrators' actions. The video normalises extreme violence as acceptable and lacks any condemning messages. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable.